The Lions' Pride

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Origins: The Lions' Pride and Community Service Day

By Nicholas Santos
Copy Editor

Have you ever wondered how certain things came to be? Now that the University has reached its 125th anniversary, thoughts are being pointed to the school's physical growth and academic history – how it all started. However, this article will explore the origins of two features of the SLU community that may not be on everyone's minds.

The Student Paper

The student paper – or so it's called today, The Lions' Pride Newspaper – has been the main chronicle of student and campus life since 1913, when the first student newspaper, called "St. Leo's," was published. According to "Pioneer College," the paper had originally started as a monthly publication and eventually became a semi-annual publication following a drop in its popularity.

This first paper lasted until 1924. In 1926, a junior-operated publication began to be published. This publication was called "Junior Spasms," and this was the title of what would eventually become "Junior Chronicle:" a publication that appeared weekly in other newspapers from around the Saint Leo area. The name was changed from "Junior Spasms" to "Junior Chronicle" after just the first publication; the reasoning behind this, also according to "Pioneer College," is that the name did not "catch on."

By 1931, the "Junior Chronicle" had evolved into a bimonthly, school-exclusive paper. The paper was printed by the Abbey Press in the standard newspaper format, and, for some time, was changed into a pamphlet for financial reasons during the Great Depression. Each issue cost 50 cents to purchase. "Junior Chronicle" was a highly professional paper; it regularly won honors from the Catholic School Press Association and even won the International First Place award from the Quill and Scroll Society during its running time.

Eventually, the "Junior Chronicle" had merged with Brother Bernard Aurentz' own publication, "News Report to the Friends of Saint Leo," which was a publication that focused primarily on the Abbey. This merging led to the "Junior Chronicle" further evolving into "Saint Leo Chronicle-Reporter" in 1960, as well as the evolution of the paper's audience and coverage; it now included stories from both the Abbey and from student life.

Following the creation of a broader newspaper, the student paper continued to evolve as a bimonthly issue and went through many different names. These include: "The Monarch," "The Lion," "Lion's Tale," "The Independent Monarch," and, currently, "The Lions' Pride."

Since The Lions' Pride Newspaper's creation in 2001, the paper has in recent years become a weekly issue.

Community Service Day

When Father Stephen Herrmann became the second president of the newly evolved Saint Leo College in 1961, he created a community service program that, he believed, would allow for the school's students to embrace the significance of community values. In the program, all students who attended the school were required to serve at least four hours of community service every week on the campus. The community service was unpaid and did not allow for students to miss class. Students had the choice to work anywhere on campus; for example, students could choose to work as librarians for an hour each day, tidying up the library and sorting books.

According to Sister Dorothy Neuhofer, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, the community service program involved many people – not just the students. In order to make sure that students would get their community service hours done, supervisors were enlisted to watch over groups of students. These supervisors themselves had other, overall supervisors who they reported to.

It was because of all the people involved, however, that the program eventually got out of hand. It took a lot of manpower to watch over students and ensure that they would work the required four hours per week; the ever-growing number of faculty, staff, and students also did not help matters. The program eventually ceased functioning towards the late 1960s.

Today's Community Service Days are a spiritual successor of sorts to Father Herrmann's program. Currently, Community Service Day is an event that occurs twice a year – once per spring semester and once per fall semester. Unlike the community service program created by Father Stephen Herrmann, Community Service Day is entirely optional and allows for students to spend a day out of class – after signing up – to serve the community. This year, volunteers for Community Service Day visited East and Central Pasco Habitat for Humanity, the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, and various schools, animal shelters, and nursing homes, according to Saint Leo University's website.

Photo courtesy of Sister Dorothy Neuhofer, the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian

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Photo courtesy of Jason Longo from SLU Communications

Saint Leo College

There have been ten different names of our school before the current name, Saint Leo University.

The Three Leos

Saint Leo was named after three different men with Leo as their name: Pope Saint Leo the Great, Pope Leo XIII, and Abbot Leo Haid.

Judge Edmund Dunne

Judge Edmund F. Dunne is the founder and establisher of the Catholic Colony of San Antonio, which he named after Saint Anthony of Padua in 1882.

SLU Beginnings: The Original Catholic Colony

By Jennifer Broom
Contributing Writer

Saint Leo University originated in 1882 when Judge Edmund F. Dunne founded the Catholic Colony of San Antonio, which he named after Saint Anthony of Padua. He reserved parts of San Antonio specifically for preparation for schools, a monastery, and a convent, and the town, which became well established in 1883. Sent by Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, Father Gerard Pilz, O.S.B., arrived in 1886 as the first Benedictine in Florida. He also was the promoter of the concept of Saint Leo College.

As the community continued to develop, the Order of St. Benedict began to settle. Father Gerald Pilz, O. S. B. became parish priest. "He was responsible for bringing the Benedictine Order to Florida for them to teach in the Catholic community," said Sister Dorothy, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian. This was what made it possible for both Holy Name Academy and Saint Leo College to be established.

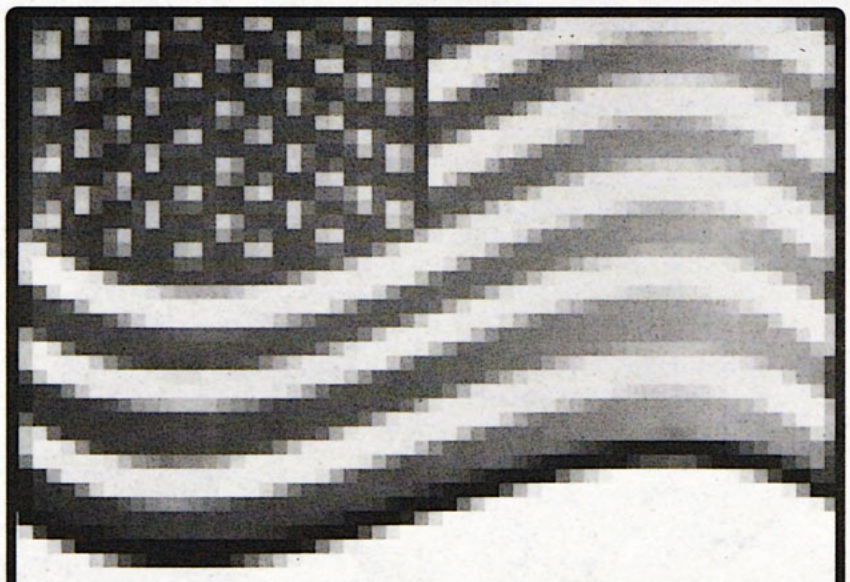
In 1889, Judge Dunne ordered St. Benedict and a small group of monks led by Father Charles Mohr, O. S. B., to bring forth a monastery and a Catholic school in the town of Saint Leo. Abbot Leo Haid from Mary, Help of Christians Abbey located in Belmont, North Carolina made the arrangements to establish Saint Leo College. On June 4, 1889 both Saint Leo College and the Saint Leo Abbey were founded.

According to Pioneer College, Saint Leo was named after three different men with Leo as their name. First, it was named for Pope Saint Leo the Great. Second, it was named after Pope Leo XIII, who was Pope during the time the college was being established. The third Leo is Abbot Leo Haid. Leo Haid had taken responsibility for the Florida Benedictine mission, founded the college, and served as its first president. He is the principal Leo by which the school is named after.

Saint Leo started as a college that adapted military aspects and required students to wear uniforms and perform daily drills to promote more discipline. The college offered both high school and junior college level education as well as a degree called "Master of Accounts." On June 20, 1893, Saint Leo awarded the Master of Accounts degree on its first graduating class of five students.

In 1920, the college transitioned into a college prep school, and it opened again as a college in 1959. "Before Saint Leo was called a college, no one was sure what to call it. When people asked what it was, no one knew what to say. Some people said it was a college, others said it was a prep school. There was a lot of confusion about Saint Leo really was," said Sister Dorothy. By 1965, the name Saint Leo Junior College was established. At first only being a two-year college, the college shortly evolved into a four-year program. The first bachelor's degrees were awarded to 51 men and 13 women in April 1967.

In 1969, the college was reorganized when the Order of Saint Benedict of Florida passed on jurisdiction to an independent board of trustees. Shortly after this reorganization, Saint Leo continued to develop more on its military history. In 1973, the college offered degree programs on military bases. In 1994, Saint Leo began to offer the Master of Business Administration and conferred its first MBA degrees in 1996. It wasn't until the date of August 24, 1999 that Saint Leo officially became a university.



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Highlighting Sister Dorothy Neuhofer

By Nicholas Santos
Copy Editor

Sister Dorothy Neuhofer, the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, is currently the longest-running staff member in the Saint Leo community; she has worked for the University for 49 years as of today, and she has enjoyed those 49 years thoroughly. By next year, she will have worked for the University for half a century – and her many years of hard work for and dedication to the University are a testament to her love of Saint Leo and its history.

"I guess I am excited [to be working at Saint Leo for 50 years]. Did I plan for it to happen? No; it just happened. But I enjoyed it," said Sister Dorothy. Why exactly did she decide to stay at the University for such a long time? "I like it here," was Sister Dorothy's answer.

Over Sister Dorothy's extensive career at the University, she has seen many changes on the campus; aside from its campus name and physical expansion, Sister Dorothy has witnessed firsthand the transformation of student populations and attitudes both on and off campus, the impacts of an ever-growing faculty and staff, and the increasing potential of the University's academic programs. Within this time she also witnessed what is known as the charter class graduation – the first true graduation ceremony that ever took place on campus. That year also marked the beginning of bachelor's degree programs on the campus. Taking place in 1967, the ceremony was held in "The Mall," which was the original name for the field between Saint Francis Hall and Saint Edward Hall.

Sister Dorothy began working for the University in August of 1965 during the Vietnam War a time of immigration. This was also just two years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. As a member of a religious community, Sister Dorothy was sent to the University – which, at the time, was known as Saint Leo College – to work since it was a Catholic school. Before coming to the University, Sister Dorothy was sent to other religious parishes to work; however, she could stay with these parishes for only three years at a time.

Sister Dorothy values the people she works with the most – creating bonds with those she works with strengthens her desire to work. Additionally, the fact that she could stay for more than three years at a time meant that she would have a greater focus on creating meaningful bonds with others. This was one of the strongest contributing factors to her career at the University.

Sister Dorothy's interest in becoming an archivist originates from her school days. When Sister Dorothy was young, she performed quite well in school – so well, in fact, that during exams, she would almost always be the first to finish. However, always being the one to wait for everyone else to finish eventually led to her becoming bored often; she countered this boredom, however, through reading history books. The information inside of the books that she read fascinated her and led her to develop an affinity both for books and history.

When she had first arrived at the University, she was asked by Father Fidelis Dunlap, who was the library director of the time, whether she would like to work as a librarian or as something else. Sister Dorothy agreed to work for the library, "so long as [she] could work with the people." Father Fidelis would eventually become one of Sister Dorothy's most influential friends, primarily because of his personality, dedication to his students, and overall work ethic as a librarian.

Photo courtesy of Jason Longo from SLU Communications

"I was grateful for Father Fidelis because of his preferences, and because he was serious about the library; he was always in tune with the students," said Sister Dorothy.

Since her first position at the University as a reference librarian, Sister Dorothy has also been Director of Reader Services, the Library Director, an Archivist/Librarian, and the Director of Library Services. Each of these positions has been challenging, but equally rewarding, for her.

"It's a lot of work, but it's work I enjoy."

Sister Dorothy currently works in the Daniel A. Canon Memorial Library as an archivist. Her office is located on the second floor.

AUDITION NOTICE

For the spring 2015 semester

GOODNIGHT DESDEMONA (GOOD MORNING JULIET)

By
Ann-Marie MacDonald
Directed by
Owen Robertson
When:
November 19th (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Selby Auditorium
November 20th (Thursday) 4:00 PM Selby Auditorium

Seeking Actors for the following roles:

Desdemona, Othello, Juliet, Romeo, Constance Ledbelly, Chorus, a student named Julie, Iago, a student named Ramona, Tybalt, Mercutio, Professor Claude Night, A soldier of Cyprus, Juliet's nurse, servant and Ghost.

All roles are open but doubling may occur in casting.

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The Story:

Constance Ledbelly, an assistant professor at a local university, has found what she believes is the original versions of *Othello* and *Romeo and Juliet*, comedies stolen from an ancient text by Shakespeare. She believes that if a fool were inserted into the shows that the plays would then not be tragic but comedic and with the wise fools help the tragic heroines of both plays would be saved and not die. But then tragedy strikes Constance when her idol scoffs at her theories, calling her a laughing stock, she decides to scrap her work. But then as so often happens in Shakespeare's work, by means of magic, she is accidently transported into the world of both plays and in true Shakespearean spirit she plunders the plays and creates mayhem amongst the characters all the while creating something new.

Witness an abundance of twists, fights, dances, seductions and wild surprises as Constance finds her way back to the real world with a new understanding of these plays.

Also seeking production team

If you are interested in: sound or lighting design/operation, costumes & props, set construction, stage management, or publicity please come to the auditions or send an email directly to owen.robertson@saintleo.edu to be a part of the production team.

Learning Centers Re

By Kenna Dieffenwierth
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There are 22 education centers and 12 education offices that provide higher level education for non-conventional students. These centers cater to the difficult schedules of adult students and the military. More information can be found at http://www.saintleo.edu/education-centers/degrees-locations.aspx.

Lakeland Education Center

The Lakeland Education Center offered their first on-ground courses in 2014. According to the University's website, the center was established after Dr. Kirk signed an agreement with SYKES Enterprises President and CEO, Chuck Sykes, in 2013 to open the center in the SYKES contact center. The center is open for use by Sykes' employees and Lakeland residents. According to Alena White, PHR Director at the Lakeland Education Center, the Lakeland Education Center also formed a partnership with Haines City which is the third most populous city in Polk County. Edward Steele is the Director of this center. The Lakeland Center currently has 28 students enrolled which is a 30% increase since the summer. The degree programs offered include: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Health Care Management (B.S.) and Criminal Justice (M.S.).

Ocala Education Center

The Ocala Education Center in Ocala, FL was established in 1994. According to Susan Crutchfield, Staff Assistant at the Ocala Education Center, this center was founded following a request made by Central Florida Community College (currently the College of Central Florida) who wanted to set up 4-year degree programs. University faculty, staff and administration along with the Ocala community worked to establish bachelor degree programs at CFCC. In the beginning, the center was run out of a trailer on the CFCC campus and it offered five degrees. Today, the center has moved into the University Center building on the CF campus and offers nine degrees expanded to now include three locations (Ocala, Lake Sumter Community College and the CF campus in Lecanto). The center has 290 students currently enrolled. Some notable alumni are the Ocala Chief of Police, Greg Graham, Parks and Recreation Director at Marion County, Gina Peebles, and Ocala Criminal Justice professor, Charlotte Braziel. The Center now offers: Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Services (B.A.), Elementary Education (K-6) (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Middle Grades Education (B.A.) and Computer Information Systems (B.S.).

Tallahassee Education Center

The Tallahassee Education Center at Tallahassee Community College was established in 2006 by Dr. Brian O'Connell. According to Darryl Johnson, Staff Coordinator for the Tallahassee Center, Dr. Brian O'Connell, the Director, and Matthew Hollern, the Academic Advisor, had three students enrolled the first semester after the center opened. Now, the Tallahassee Center has 200 students enrolled. It was originally established as a center for Criminal Justice students and was only open on the weekends. Now the center offers three bachelor programs. It also offers the following five forms of educational distribution: weekend, on-line, ICC, traditional and night classes. The programs offered include: Criminal Justice (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Sport Business (B.A.) and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

Tampa Education Center

The Fall of 2011 marked the first term for the Tampa Education Center. The Director, Kenneth Gonzalez, founded the center. The first master's program was added in Fall 2012.

According to Brittany Jones, Staff Assistant/VA Certifying Official at the Tampa Education Center, this center works very closely with the MacDill Office and they share many of the same students. This center offers many services including night classes, access to undergrad and grad advisors, access to a VA Certifying Official and active recruiting. There are around 175-200 students enrolled with this center. The degrees currently offered include: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Information Technology (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Sociology (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.), Health Care Management (B.S.), Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work (B.S.W.), Accounting (M.A.) and Business Administration (M.B.A.).

Gwinnett Education Center

The Gwinnett Education Center was established in Duluth, GA in 2007. It was established by Katherine Macdonald. According to Gwinnett Education Center, they were the first stand-alone education center of the University. They offer the following degrees: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Human Services (B.A.), Religion (B.A.), Sociology (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.), Health Care Management (B.S.), Criminal Justice (M.S.), Masters of Business Administration, Business, Administration (M.B.A.) and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

Morrow Education Center

The Morrow Education Center is located in Morrow, GA. It was established when they moved from Fort McPherson base in 2011. According to the Director of Morrow Center, Michelle Myrick-Simmons, Beth Carter and Ed Dadez made the administrative decisions on establishing this center. The Morrow Education Center currently enrolls 691 students. This Center offers the following degree programs: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Human, Services (B.A.), Religion (B.A.), Sociology (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.), Health Care Management (B.S.), Criminal Justice (M.S.), Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

Columbus AFB Education Center

The Columbus Education Center was established in Fall of 2008 at Columbus AFB (Air Force Base), MS. Dr. Beth Carter (AVP for Continuing Education) helped to establish this center. Dew White is the first and only director at this center.

"The office was just a room with some random furniture in it when I started. We had zero students," said White. "We were very fortunate to have a SLU alumni to be our first commencement speaker. He also had just recently moved here from Virginia and was our new Chief of Police."

Today, this center has 91 students and offers the following degree programs: Criminal Justice (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.) and Business Administration (B.A.).

"We are basically a standalone mini-university, which is only possible with lots of assistance from the Registrar, Financial Aid, etcetera," said White.

North Charleston Education Center

The North Charleston Education Center was established in 2008. They moved off-base to their current location in North Charleston, SC in 2012. This center was established by Dr. Beth Carter (AVP for Continuing Education) and Dr. Frank Osage (Center Director). According to Elizabeth Heron, Director of the North Charleston Education Center, the idea for a center at this location was introduced by Ms. Karen Stanber, Navy College Office Director and Test Control Officer at Naval Weapons Station Charleston, in 2007. The University proposed to offer degree programs on the base in order to support the Charleston military community. The University was approved by a proposal board to offer Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Associate of Arts in Business Administration programs on base in 2008. After further deliberation, it was decided that the University would also offer a Homeland Security Certificate and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice. The North Charleston Education Center has 65 students currently enrolled.

Shaw Education Center

The Shaw Education Center was established in 1975 by the University. This center is located on the Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. Originally, the only degree program offered was Human Resources, Criminal Justice and Business Administration. Business Administration is the flagship program of the center.

According to Harry Dross, Director of the Shaw Center, the original offices for this center were located in an old dormitory building and classes were originally taught in a building built during World War II to hold German prisoners of war.

"Shaw is a full service center. Shaw Center was the only CLEP/DSST testing center in Central Carolina for many years. We offer classes on base and off-site at the Wise Drive Off-Site teaching location," said Dross.

The first graduate of the Shaw Center was Dr. Richard Weil, Associate Professor School of Business, in 2000. He continued on and earned his doctorate degree and was then hired by the University as academic faculty for the Shaw Center School of Business. Russell Roark who graduated in 2008 was succeeded by F.K. Lancaster who graduated in 2009 as the Commander of the South Carolina Patrol. Roark is currently the Sumter Police Chief.

"We pride ourselves in serving the military servicemen

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and the Sumter community by offering courses at convenient days/times to accommodate all our working students," said Dross.

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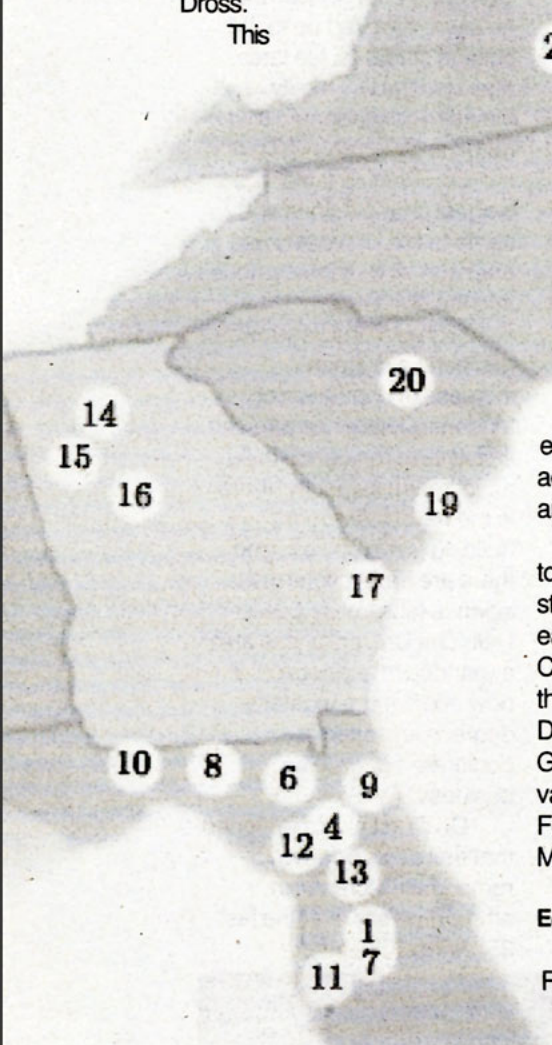

semester, 350 students were registered with the Shaw Center. The center currently offers the following degree programs: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Human Services (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.), Health, Care Management (B.S.) and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

Fort Lee Education Center

The Fort Lee Education Center is located at the Fort Lee Army Instillation near Richmond, VA. In 1974, this center was established with the enrollment of 41 students. The center offers the following degree programs: Liberal Arts (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Resources Management (B.A.), Liberal Studies (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.) and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate). According to Dia Melton, Staff Assistant of Lee Education Center, this center also offers a weekly Math Lab and Computer Lab. The Fort Lee Center is a National Testing Center offering weekly proctored testing for CLEP/ DSST exams as well.

"At Fort Lee we encourage our students to get involved and make a difference. The 'University Experience' is not lost just because they are not attending at University Campus in Florida," said Melton.

The center currently has 150 students including veterans, government employees, civilians, and active duty Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force.

"Students are encouraged to participate in events such as student appreciation nights each term, the Annual Community Events, Run for the Fallen, Hat and Mittens Drive, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Graham Crackers Drive, and various other events within the Fort Lee community," said Melton.

South Hampton Roads Education Center

The South Hampton Roads Education Center includes four divisions: Chesapeake, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Air Station Oceana. This center was established in Little Creak in 1974 by the first Director, Dr. Jack Callan. According to Susan Paulson, Assistant Vice President of the Chesapeake Education Office, the center started out in a temporary WWII building on Little Creek Base.

"During the winter the wood floors were so swollen due to steam heat, the academic advisors had to remove the door into their space – that is take the door off the hinges – to get into their office space. Then the door had to be put back on its hinges at the end of the day," said Paulson.

The technology was limited during the early years of this center.

"The administrative staff often worked until mid-night the last day of registration to organize the registration as we didn't have computer registration back then. Each faculty had to have a folder prepared for the first day of class that included a student roster and all the written information because we didn't have email back then either," said Paulson.

The Chesapeake Office was established in 2009. The South Hampton Roads Education Center currently has 1,290 undergraduate students and 15 graduate students. The Chesapeake Education Office has 230 undergraduate students and 250 graduate students. A notable alumni is Tom Rothrauff, President of the Trident Group.

"Over the years the constant of 'Uncompromising Quality' has been the hallmark of the Center. Faculty members undergo a stringent evaluation process by the University and the students review their performance after each course. The faculty represents a diverse group of experts, from local industry to military leaders," said Paulson.

The current Director is Ms. Margaret Park. The degree programs for the South Hampton Roads Education Center include: Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Accounting (B.A.), Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Liberal Studies (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Religion (B.A.), Sociology (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.), Health Care Management (B.S.), Criminal Justice (M.S.), Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

"It is significant that most of the Center's new students come as a result of recommendations of other students," said Paulson.

Corpus Christi Center

The *Corpus Christi Center Located at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas was established in 2005.* It was established by *Sara Heydon, the Navy College Office and Center Director.* According to Sara Heydon, *the original Texas Center, Naval Station Ingleside Center, opened in 1996. The center was then expanded to include the nearby Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. A Navy trailer housed the original offices of this center. This center offers academic advising, student services, VA benefits assistance and classes leading to Associate and Bachelor's Degrees. The Corpus Christi center has 200 students. Their Alumni include a City Councilman, a High School Principal, Assistant Chief of Police, and two attorneys. This center offers the following degree programs:* Business Administration (A.A.), Criminal Justice (A.A), Liberal Arts (A.A), Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice (B.A.), Human Resources Management (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.), Computer Information Systems (B.S.).

The Centers and Offices

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Newport News Education Office

Here is a small sample of what the SLU offices have to offer:

Eglin AFB Education Office

Eglin AFB Education Office is located on Eglin Air Force Base. According to Melissa Sheaks, Staff Coordinator for the Eglin AFB Center, this office opened in the 1990s but was closed. In 2009, it was reopened by request of the Air Force. When this office reopened, the first employee was Matt Hollern, Director of the Tallahassee Center. He devoted one day out of every week to working at the Eglin Office. The office is in a building that once served as the Eglin Air Force Base's hospital.

"It is rumored that our office is located where the morgue used to be," said Sheaks.

Currently, there are about 100 students attending the Eglin Office. This office offers the following degrees: Criminal Justice (B.A.), Business Administration (B.A.) - Logistics and Homeland Security (Undergraduate Certificate).

125 Anniversary

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Highlighting Dr. Durst

By Jennifer Broom
Contributing Writer

Dr. Maribeth Durst, vice president of Academic Affairs, has been with the University for 36 years. She joined the University in 1979, and has been impressed with it's student-centered teaching environment ever since.

"When I came to Saint Leo for an interview, I was very impressed on how they put their focus on student potential and how they strongly believed in making students succeed," Dr. Durst said. "What drew me to the University was their emphasis on being a student-centered teaching environment."

Dr. Durst has always felt a continuous commitment to students, and she has stayed with the University for three decades because she appreciates how this school always maintains its commitment to help students within small classroom sizes.

"We make sure there is only a 25-30 limit for students in each classroom and we make sure that students are noticed and cared for."

Dr. Durst has held many types of positions over the past 36 years. She's been a faculty member, department chair, dean, assistant vice president, associate vice president, and vice president.

"The experience of having these positions was very helpful and I enjoyed all of them. I enjoy being Vice President because I enjoy helping faculty members and making their jobs easier," she said.

In addition to her academic career, Dr. Durst has engaged in professional development, wrote a book about student culture, published articles and scholarly journals, and was President of Florida Academy of Sciences.

When Dr. Durst was asked to tell any interesting stories or memories about the University, she answered that when her son was little he would come to the University after school and he always looked up to the college students. He later attended the University himself and graduated with a marketing degree.

Dr. Durst said that the biggest change since she came to the University has been the size of the campus and the University.

"Through the years there has been a dramatic increase of population of students. There has been an increase in residence halls, an increase in faculty; there is the new classroom building going up now, and there are renovations in the science labs inside Lewis Hall. The University has also expanded in academics. It now offers more master's degrees and offers a doctorate's degree in business."

Dr. Durst also mentioned that there has been a remarkable increase in ethnic diversity over the last 35 years.

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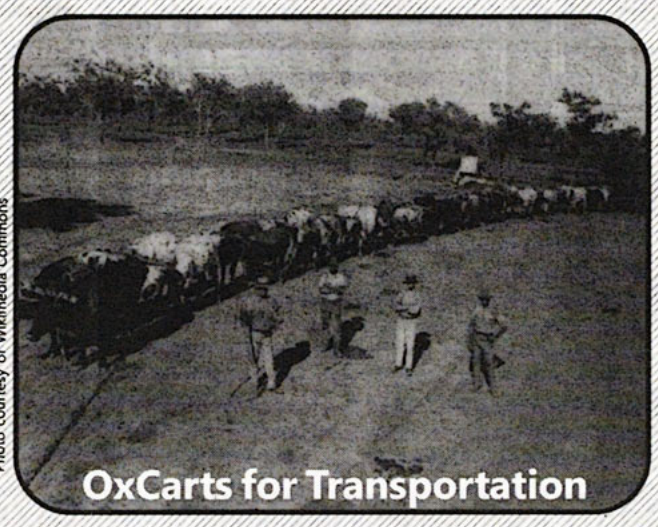

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OxCarts for Transportation

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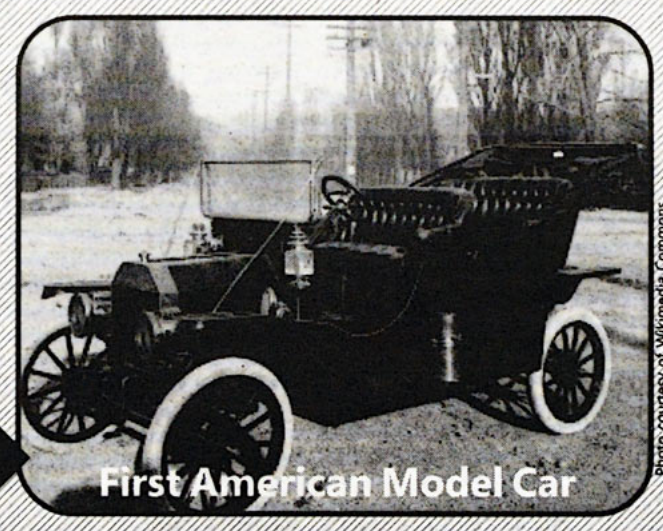
Saint Leo College was founded in 1889 but did not have electricity until 1913, according to "Pioneer College." The guest bathrooms received flushable toilets in 1912. In 1913, flushable toilets were installed outside for the students. In November 1916, shower baths were installed. In 1919, a 12-foot "bathing tower" was built on the shore of the lake.

The school continued to upgrade the buildings by adding hot tubs, lights, and iceboxes. It was not until the 1930's that change finally happened.

The Saint Leo Abbey received its first automobile in 1910. Seven years later, in 1917, the Abbey owned two Ford automobiles. The prior means of transportation at the time



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First American Model Car

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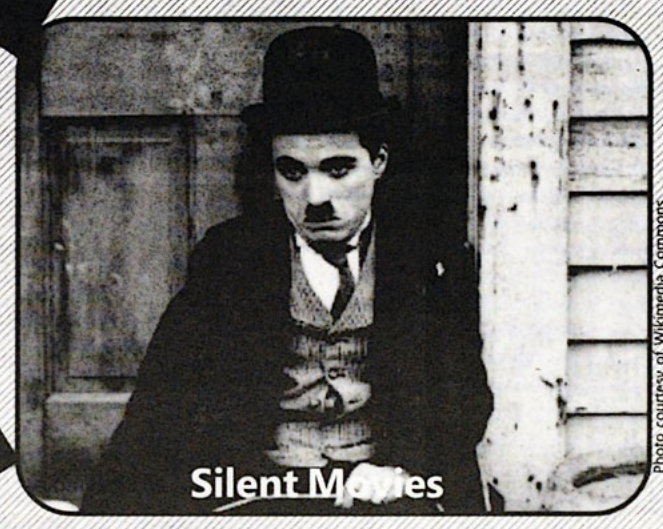
Flushable Toilets

were ox driven carts. The railroads came to San Antonio 1988.

In 1920, Saint Leo College started showing silent movies for entertainment every Friday (except the Fridays in Lent). They would watch classical plays or comedies. It was one of the most highlighted events, according to "The Golden Jubilee."

Saint Leo College received radios in 1921. Later in the year of 1927, the college gained a post office, telegraph office, express office, and ticket office, according to "The Golden Jubilee."

The top sports teams at the college in 1937 were football, track and basketball, the athletic teams



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Silent Movies

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Public Transportation

were becoming so popular that instead of traveling around by car, they maintained a student bus that would let them travel to compete with other colleges in the southern conference.

On March 31, 1939, the college was broadcast on the radio over the station of WFLA in Tampa.

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